## Service Corporation International Awards 2017 Scholarships

## SCI Scholarship Program Recognizes Mortuary Students From Across the Country

HOUSTON, Sept. 27, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Service Corporation International (NYSE:SCI), North America's largest provider of funeral, cemetery and cremation services, and its brand, Dignity Memorial®, awarded over \$80,000 in scholarships to 50 mortuary students as part of the 2017 Service Corporation International Scholarship Program. The goal of the program is to promote excellence in funeral service by recognizing and supporting those students with exceptional leadership potential.

This year's program received over 160 applications and SCI selected and awarded student scholarships based on the criteria of academic performance, community involvement, a personal video submission, and one-on-one interviews with SCI leadership. The students selected represent 21 mortuary schools located in 17 states around the country.

Out of many outstanding candidates, two received honorary recognition. Miranda French was awarded the Brenda Renee Horn Memorial Scholarship and Michael Hegg was named recipient of the Steve Mack Memorial Scholarship. The Steve Mack Memorial Scholarship was created in honor of Steve Mack, a 42-year veteran of SCI and former Senior Vice President of Operations who lost his battle with cancer in 2015.

"SCI is proud to support these outstanding students as our next generation of funeral service professionals," said Phil Sprick, Vice President of Human Resources at SCI. "Their compassion, dedication and enthusiasm for serving families are the skills needed to lead and be successful in our profession."

Since the program's inception in 2011, SCI has awarded nearly \$400,000 in mortuary scholarships. In addition, several past winners have secured positions as funeral directors, funeral attendants and apprentices at SCI's Dignity Memorial locations across the country.

For more information and to apply for the 2018 SCI Scholarship Program, visit <u>www.scischolarships.com</u>.

## About Service Corporation International

Service Corporation International (NYSE:SCI), headquartered in Houston, Texas, is North America's leading provider of deathcare products and services. As of June 30, 2017, SCI operates 1,502 funeral service locations and 475 cemeteries (including 286 combination locations), which are geographically diversified across 45 states, eight Canadian provinces, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Through its businesses, SCI markets the Dignity Memorial<sup>®</sup> brand which offers assurance of quality, value, caring service and exceptional customer satisfaction. In January 2016, SCI was presented with the J.D. Power President's Award in recognition of an ongoing dedication to service excellence including quality improvement, customer satisfaction and the development of enduring client relationships. For more information about Service Corporation International, please visit <u>www.sci-corp.com</u>. For more information about Dignity Memorial, please visit <u>www.dignitymemorial.com</u>. As used herein, "SCI" or the "Company" refers to Service Corporation International and all of its affiliated companies.

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